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SUBJ: UN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY FORCE

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1. IN CASUAL CHANCE MEETING EARLIER TODAY PRIOR
RECEIPT REF A COMMANDER IN CHIEF INDONESIAN
ARMED FORCES AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL PANGGABEAN
TOLD ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM
GENERAL YOGA OF INDONESIAN UN STAFF ALERTING HIM TO
POSSIBLE REQUEST TO INDONESIA FOR CONTRIBUTION TO
UNEF. PANGGABEAN SAID "WE CAN GET SOME MORE EXPERIENCE."
HIS MANNER INDICATED GOI WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER
REQUEST FAVORABLY.

2. WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT INDONESIA COULD AT SHORT
NOTICE AND WITHOUT DIFFICULTY PROVIDE INTEGRAL
BATTALION 800 TO 900 ELITE COMBAT TROOPS WITH
THEIR PERSONAL GEAR AND SMALL ARMS. DEPARTMENT
WILL RECALL THAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO FIELD 1200-MAN
COMPOSITE FORCE FOR ICCS VIETNAM AT TIME OF PRELI-
MINARY DISCUSSIONS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1972 AND THAT
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SELECTION AND VETTING PROCESS WAS FAIRLY FAR

ALONG BEFORE DECISION FOR SMALLER CONTINGENT MADE.
GARUDA IV (ABOUT 270 MILITARY PREDOMINENTLY
OFFICERS) HAS BEEN TO VIETNAM AND RETURNED AND WOULD
PRESUMABLY ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE FOR AN
OBSERVER-TYPE MISSION.

3. LIKELY POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ONE OF THEIR SIX
ELITE AIRBORNE BATTALIONS STATIONED IN JAVA. THESE
ARE THEIR BEST TRAINED COMBAT TROOPS AND ARE WELL
EQUIPPED WITH SMALL ARMS (M-16 RIFLES AND M-60
MACHINEGUNS PROVIDED BY MAP) BUT HAVE ONLY LIMITED
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

4. WITH ONLY 4 TO 5 OPERATIONAL C-130S IN INDONESIAN
AIR FORCE WE DOUBT THEY WOULD BE WILLING OR ABLE TO
PROVIDE AIRLIFT.

5. SINCE INDONESIAN DEFENSE BUDGET EXTREMELY TIGHT
AND INFLEXIBLE, GOI WOULD PROBABLY EXPECT COST OF
ANY CONTRIBUTION OF TROOPS THEY WOULD MAKE TO BE
BORNE BY OTHERS.

6. IN RESPONSE OUR BRINGING CONTENTS REF B TO
ATTENTION APPROPRIATE INDONESIAN DEFENSE AUTHORITIES,
WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED ANY OVERFLIGHT/LANDING REQUESTS
WOULD BE PROMPTLY APPROVED.
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